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MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence

FROM: Richard J. Kerr
Chairman, Intelligence Producers Council

SUBJECT: Intelligence Community Response to NITs (15 Nov-15 Dec Update)

REFERENCE: IPC "Report for the SIG(I) Committee on Intelligence Community Responsiveness to NITs and Other Policy-Related Questions," dated 13 December 1982

1. Action Requested: None. For your information.

2. Background: In anticipation of a 15 December SIG(I) meeting, the IPC had prepared the referenced report that documented for the period 1 June to 15 November 1982 the Community's finished intelligence production relevant to the NITs. With the deferral of the SIG(I) meeting until 12 January 1983, the IPC determined it was necessary to update the SIG(I) report to include intelligence products published as of 15 December 1982. This memorandum updates the referenced report by providing a listing of the products published between 15 November and 15 December 1982 and by summarizing for SIG(I) Committee use (see Attachment A) the impact of these products on the previous assessment of Community performance against the NITs. []

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3. Staff Position: As reflected in Attachment A, 25 individual reports that relate to the 1982 NITS (some reports addressed more than one NIT) were published between 15 November and 15 December 1982. These reports increased the total number of NIT-related products disseminated since 1 June 1982 to 228 but they did not have a significant impact on the assessment of Community performance against the NITs described on pages nine through 12 of the referenced report. In terms of geographic area, the bulk of the NIT-related production since 15 November was on the USSR and Eastern Europe and it generally enhanced the data base and knowledge in substantive areas where the Community's capabilities were already substantial. One product, however, did address a subject—Soviet BW/CW stockpiling (NIT #12)—that had not been previously addressed during the reporting period. In other geographic areas, new NIT-related production was not as extensive and it focused on substantive areas where the Community's performance was already strong. On the subject of global issues, there was some NIT-related production on substantive issues (i.e., OPEC oil production and pricing, prospects for decline in oil prices and the impact of such a decline on OPEC) in NIT #43 (International Energy) that had been inadequately addressed in intelligence reporting. Based on the recent production, we would recommend that Table 3 of referenced report be changed to show NIT #43 in the "average" rather than the "weak" category. []

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ATTACHMENT A

An Update to the "Report for the SIG(I) Committee on Intelligence Community Responsiveness to the NITs and Other Policy-Related Questions"

Twenty-five individual reports that relate to the 1982 NITs (some reports addressed more than one NIT) were published between 15 November and 15 December 1982. These reports (see following page) increased the total number of NIT-related products disseminated since 1 June 1982 to 228 but they did not have a substantial impact on the assessment of Community performance against the NITs described on pages nine through 12 of the subject report. In terms of geographic area, the bulk of the NIT-related production since 15 November was on the USSR and Eastern Europe and it generally enhanced the data base and knowledge in substantive areas where the Community's capabilities were already substantial. One product, however, did address a subject—Soviet BW/CW stockpiling (NIT #12)—that had not been previously addressed during the reporting period. In other geographic areas, new NIT-related production was less substantial and it focused on substantive areas where the Community's performance was already strong. On the subject of global issues, there was some NIT-related production on substantive issues (i.e., OPEC oil production and pricing, prospects for decline in oil prices and the impact of such a decline on OPEC) in NIT #43 (International Energy) that had been inadequately addressed in intelligence reporting. Based on the recent production we would recommend that Table 3 of subject report be changed to show NIT #43 in the "average" rather than the "weak" category. [REDACTED]

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